

FISCAL NOTE

SB 2422 - HB 2473

January 16, 2006

SUMMARY OF BILL: Specifies that no governmental or other entity shall have the right to condemn and seize the property of a non-government or quasi-governmental entity through the power of eminent domain if such property is taken in an effort to expand tax revenue, or to promote economic development. The bill specifically allows takings for projects for the following purposes: public buildings and grounds for the use of state and local governments, wharves, docks, piers, bridges, reservoirs, dams, canals, aqueducts, pipes, roads, railroads, tunnels, telegraph, telephone, electric light and power lines, sewage facilities, cemeteries and parks, and any other purpose which benefits the public welfare.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

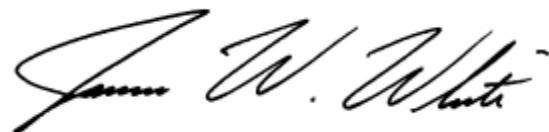
Other Fiscal Impact – Changes in property tax collections could occur as a result of this bill. Currently, if an entity acquires property through the power of eminent domain there may be a change in tax status as the property changes from a taxable parcel to a tax exempt parcel. If the taken parcel is subsequently leased to a private entity, in-lieu of tax payments may be negotiated with the private entity. The amount of such payments can vary according to individually negotiated circumstances and may differ from the amount of tax collected prior to the government taking. Under this bill, such transactions would no longer take place. The property tax revenue impact cannot reasonably be quantified due to the unique circumstances of each taking.

Assumption:

- Industrial development boards are authorized to use the power of eminent domain to take property. Staff has been unable to find any instance of industrial development boards utilizing this power to date.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



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